

# BUFFALO **DREAM** CENTER

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

FALL 2021

## WHAT A GREAT SUMMER!

PASTOR ERIC JOHNS

Although 2020 was an incredible year for the Buffalo Dream Center, everyone looked forward to the summer of 2021. What was missing last summer? Due to pandemic, Kidz Club and mission teams were noticeably lacking. But things changed this summer, bringing back Kidz Club just in time for the celebration of the ministry's twenty-fifth anniversary. Teams from Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Indiana also signed up to be a part of the summer ministry.

Summer Interns arrived at the Buffalo Dream Center before the start of the summer's ministry. The many outreaches could not have been accomplished without the interns. This incredible group of young people gave their entire summer to serve people and bring the love of Jesus to Buffalo, New York.

Each week was filled with opportunities to make a difference and impact the lives of people. Kidz Club took place at three locations each week. Many parents and grandparents expressed their gratitude for Kidz Club. Families missed having Kidz Club the previous summer and showed a lot of excitement when volunteers arrived in their neighborhoods. The excitement began each time the truck rolled into the neighborhood. Children were seen jumping around and cheering as the truck approached. Volunteers were often met with hugs.

Kidz Club began each time with a mini carnival, followed by a program filled with games, music, skits, dances, and a life-changing message about Jesus. Hundreds of children attended each week. On the final week, all of the children received back packs with sports equipment and had special visits from Buffalo Police officers.

The mobile food pantry delivered groceries to thirty-seven neighborhoods and also sent volunteers to deliver food to seniors and others who could not leave their homes. Beds were also delivered to families throughout the city.

Ministries from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and as far away as Pittsburgh all benefited from the BDC Outreach Center's food give-a-ways. This summer, thirteen pallets of food were given away to soup kitchens, food pantries, and churches that are feeding those in need. The Buffalo Dream Center has been able to give away hundreds of pallets of food throughout the pandemic to other organizations in need.

Adopt-A-Block volunteers hit the streets near the Buffalo Dream Center to clean up trash, meet business owners, and pray for families. At Love the Westside, street ministry teams gave away sandwiches and prayed for people on Grant Street, which has

a reputation for being the most dangerous street in Buffalo. Teams prayed with prostitutes, drug dealers, and people waiting at bus stops. Many were touched by the power of God.

The summer saw lots of ministry to the homeless. Friends Feeding Friends took place three evening each week. Every Wednesday night the interns led in worship, performed exciting dramas, preached, and prayed for people. Curbside Church continued to grow throughout the summer and volunteers from Table of Grace gave away food and prayed with hundreds of people. Fireman's Park, located in downtown Buffalo, was filled with the presence of God at least four times each week as our friends from the streets came to receive food and prayer.

Teen Impact, the youth ministry at the Buffalo Dream Center, had an incredible move of the Holy Spirit. It continues today and you can read about it in this newsletter.

As you read the articles in this newsletter you will see they are written by different people from the Dream Center. God is doing great things in Buffalo and in Honduras. Things are growing so fast we almost cannot handle it! But that is exciting.

Thank you for being a partner with us. We cannot do it without you. Lives are being changed and you are a part of it. Thank you for helping us fulfill the Great Commission.



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# A MOVE OF GOD IN HONDURAS

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The only thing that can explain the great number of doors that have opened for us in Honduras is the favor of God.

When we first started going to Montaña De La Flor the people were so shy and always kept their distance from us. It would be very difficult for us to pray and minister to people. The people in the mountain have changed so much. When we arrive in a village the people come running from all directions. Now when the people see us they ask us to share the Word of God with them. They ask us for prayer. Many of the people who we have reached with the Gospel say that they know it is God who is changing their mountain.

Many people who follow the ministry of the Buffalo Dream Center are already aware of all that is happening in La Montaña de La Flor, but there are many other things happening in different cities, towns, and villages throughout the nation of Honduras. We also work in many other parts of the country doing children's programs, youth services, evangelistic events, training seminars, and other things to reach the lost with the love of Jesus.

Recently, we had the opportunity to go to three different cities to do children's festivals. At the first city one thousand five hundred people showed up! In the other two cities, the crowds were between five hundred and eight hundred people. Many children and their parents heard the Gospel and received Jesus in their hearts. At every festival we prayed for the sick and people testified they were healed. There was a six-year-old little boy who walked with a limp because one of his legs was shorter than the other. We laid hands on him and watched God grow out his leg. It was a miracle from heaven!

A big part of what we do in Honduras focuses on raising up the next generation to follow Jesus. This is accomplished not only by working

with children, but also by working with and ministering to youth. We have seen young people completely set free and changed by God.

As you read this newsletter, we are bringing a team of young people from a youth group that we have worked with up the mountain on their very first mission trip.

We have gone to many churches to encourage the believers and teach them on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We have seen hundreds of people get filled with the power of the Spirit in Honduras! The Buffalo Dream Center is also working with The Roar to begin three Bible schools in Honduras and one in Guatemala. The first two schools in Honduras begin in November. Exciting things are happening all over the nation of Honduras.



# FEEDING THE MOUNTAIN IN HONDURAS

MICHELLE JOHNS

Last month, when I was in Montaña De La Flor, Victoria ran up to me and started crying in my arms. I asked her what was wrong and she showed me her two-year-old daughter, Camilla, who looked like she was starving to death. She told me, "I have no food to feed my daughter and she is so weak that she cannot walk." I held the mom in my arms and we cried together. I gathered some food together and gave it to her.

I have worked in Montaña De La Flor for nearly eight years. The people of the mountains are my friends. July, August, and September are always the most difficult months in the mountains. They are the months without food. A person is lucky if they eat two tortillas a day during these

months. This year seems to be harder than other years.

I am thankful for our partnership with Feed the Hungry because we are now feeding approximately seven hundred children and woman in the mountains twice per week. This takes place in seven different communities. At the end of September we took a team to the mountain and fed more people. In just three of our feeding sites we fed approximately one thousand people!

The need is so great right now. I met people who walked more than two hours for a plate of food. I met so many more children who were like Camilla – sick, weak, and severely malnourished. It really broke my heart because these are my friends. I cannot imagine what it is like to watch your children go hungry.

While we were in a community cooking lunch for everyone, a government truck drove by. It caught my attention. Someone told me there was a lady inside whose baby had just died. I ran to the truck, opened the door, and saw a friend of mine sitting in the back seat in shock. She was not crying. She would not talk. She just sat there staring off into the distance. She had her baby in a box

in the truck. Her baby had no name. I know this because a couple months earlier, after she had the baby, I asked her what the baby's name was. My friend said she did not have a name for her. She also did not have a name for her four-year-old boy. The fact some of her children had no names always bothered me. I never really understood why until the day I saw her in the truck with her baby in a box. The nurse told me three of her children had died recently. In that same community, my friend, Hector, met a lady who walked two hours with her young children for lunch. Hector decided to give her a bag of groceries because it was evident by looking at her children that they needed food. When she opened her backpack, so Hector could help her put the food inside of it, he saw that she had kept half their lunch for another day. It was wrapped in some napkins and she kept telling Hector to be careful with it. She treated that little package of food as if it were gold.

Thanks to another organization in Honduras, we were able to give nearly five hundred bags of food to ten different communities in Montaña De La Flor in September. However, there are more communities who need food. The food we have given them is only going to last a few weeks. The crops in the mountain are not ready



and it is still raining a lot. While it is important to give bags of food out so that people can feed their children, my long-term dream is to teach my friends how to grow their own food. They want to learn how to raise their own chickens and how to provide for their families. My dream is to market their handicrafts so they can make money. My dream is help improve their education so my friends can read and write. However, in the meantime I want my friends to have food in their homes. I want to give them hope for a better future for their children.



My dream for Montaña De La Flor is so big. I need your help. Because of our partnership with Feed the Hungry, you can feed a child for a whole month for just \$5.00. You can help me buy chickens and seeds and bring teachers to the mountains so that my friends can learn to live independent and productive lives. They want to learn. They just do not have the resources.

Thank you to everyone who already supports what we are doing in Montaña De La Flor. For more information on how to get involved and how to give to my mountain you can go to [buffalodreamcenter.org](http://buffalodreamcenter.org) or look up Love Honduras on Facebook.

## HONDURAS MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES 2021 & 2022

FALL 2021  
November 20-27, 2021\*

WINTER 2022  
January 15-22, 2022\*

For applications & more info about the Honduras trips, please visit our website: [buffalodreamcenter.org](http://buffalodreamcenter.org)

## CURBSIDE CHURCH

SKYLAR SHURR

Curbside Church began in March 2020. That year, during the pandemic, we experienced growth in many ways. We had growth in the number of volunteers and in the numbers of people showing up every Sunday to worship God, hear a message, and get a bag of food.

This year God called us to focus on the growth of individuals. God impressed upon me to spend more one-on-one time with established members who show up every week faithfully.

Curbside church was always about doing more than providing food for people once a week. Our focus is to provide long term solutions for our members to find better housing, to be set free from addictions, and to grow stronger in their

relationship with God so they could get back on their feet.

We started a program called the "Curbside Church Membership Program" where dedicated members get the chance to help set up and serve the food. They invest their own time in helping their community and others living in their situation. This allows members to take ownership over their church.

Every week we see miracles. Members are being healed of sickness both mental and physical. Many are finding better housing situations and jobs through the power of

prayer and the support of the community we built in downtown Buffalo.

One lady came with a powerful testimony just a few weeks ago. She was diagnosed with cancer and had tumors in her body. The Curbside Church team prayed for her each Sunday for several weeks. She was scheduled for surgery, but the doctors decided to get some more x-rays first. They could not find any tumors! She is cancer free by the power of Jesus.



Curbside Church was planted during the pandemic and continues to grow strong every week, reaching more and more of our friends from the streets with the life-changing power of God.

## JOSEPH PROJECT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

EMILIE MCCLINTON

One of the greatest needs in our city is hunger. Many families struggle everyday with figuring out where their next meal will come from. The Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry began more than twenty years ago when the Buffalo Dream Center saw this need in our city and wanted to do something about it. Every month our truck pulls into nearly twenty different sites and neighborhoods. It doesn't matter if it is raining, snowing, or ninety degrees and sunny. We are there!

Every time our truck pulls into a neighborhood there are families lined up and waiting for us. We do not just bring food into the neighborhoods. We also bring the love of Jesus. Everyone that comes to one of our distribution sites walks away with food, prayer, hugs, and God's presence.

It has been incredible to see the growth in this ministry in just the last year. 975,706 pounds of food came through the BDC Outreach Center in the past eighteen months. The Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry now serves approximately one thousand families every month. We are excited to see God grow this ministry even more. Our goal is to be able to help more families and ministries from all over our city with food and other products. We are expanding our vision to include multiple trucks so that we can help more families.

### BDC SUMMER OUTREACH STATS

- 1,793 Families received food
- 4,036 Individuals received food through the mobile food pantry
- 37 Mobile food pantry sites
- 13 Pallets of food given to other organizations
- 101,959 Pounds of food received
- 380 Volunteers
- 4 Mission teams from other states
- 18 Kidz Club sites (About 150-200 children each week)
- 5 Adopt-A-Blocks
- Approximately 40 youth attended Teen Impact each week
- Hundreds of our friends from the streets fed and touched by God each week at Friends Feeding Friends, Curbside Church, & Table of Grace



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## FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS

REGINA WEISE

As autumn begins, I would like to reflect on the summer's events with Friends Feeding Friends.

The summer began with a powerful time of prayer at Firemen's Park. As we gathered in the park, we prayed for God to move among the needy people in our city.

Every Wednesday, for six weeks of the summer, we combined efforts with the Buffalo Dream Center. The summer interns helped us to reach our friends from the streets. The young people led the crowd in worship and used dramatic skits and messages to touch the hearts of the people.

Many of our friends felt the presence of God. Several said they were healed from various ailments. A few were delivered from alcohol and substance abuse. Many committed or recommitted their lives to Christ. We prayed and God moved!

The aftermath of our six weeks with the interns is still being felt. We can see spiritual growth in many of our friends and peace in their lives. Friends Feeding Friends continues to share the Gospel and feed people three times every week.

We are thankful to God for what He has done. Thank you Buffalo Dream Center interns for your love for God and His people!

## TEEN IMPACT

LIBERTY THOMPSON

Teen Impact has been impacting youth over these last few months more than I have ever seen in my life in a youth group. I have only been involved with the youth since June, but I have seen so much growth in many individuals, including myself, in these short months. The youth of this generation are rising up and doing many great things for the Kingdom of God with the help of those leading us. I truly believe a special anointing has been put not only in our generation as a whole but especially inside the Buffalo Dream Center.

Over the summer many have surrendered their all to God and His plan for their lives. He truly has woken us up from our slumber. You can see God's hand in this youth group and His Spirit on the move like never before. God is raising up future pastors, evangelists, prophets, and missionaries inside the walls of the Buffalo Dream Center. God is bringing some of us out of our comfort zones and it is worth it!

Revival is breaking out at Teen Impact and it needs to spread like an uncontrollable wildfire throughout the rest of the church. Whether someone is a teenager or an adult within the church, they set an example for others around them. When we raise our hands, dance, and praise Jesus with our whole hearts or serve Him with all our being, it not only changes us, but also leaves an impression on others.

The future of the church, our cities, this nation, and other nations are being formed within Teen Impact right now. I Timothy 4:12 has a special message for young people. It tells us, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

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